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To establish the Freedom National Park in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. LINDER, Mr. DARDEN, and Mr. GINGRICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FREEDOM NATIONAL PARK.**

4 (a) PURPOSE; ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to—

5 (1) preserve for the benefit of the American
6 people certain historic sites, structures, and prop-
7 erties of outstanding national significance associated
8 with the struggle for civil rights by Americans of Af-
9 rican descent and the effort to promote international
10 human rights associated with the Jimmy Carter Li-

1 brary and Museum and the Carter Presidential
2 Center;

3 (2) establish a historic and recreational corridor
4 in the form of a roadside park surrounding the State
5 roadway known as the Freedom Parkway, connect-
6 ing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic District
7 with the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum, the
8 Carter Presidential Center, and various Civil War
9 battle sites associated with the Battle of Atlanta, in-
10 cluding Copen Hill; and

11 (3) provide educational, interpretive, and rec-
12 reational facilities to enhance the enjoyment of visi-
13 tors to these sites,

14 there is established Freedom National Park (hereinafter
15 in this Act referred to as the “park”).

16 (b) DESCRIPTION OF AREA.—The park shall consist
17 of approximately 165 acres of lands and interests in lands
18 as generally depicted on the map entitled “Freedom Na-
19 tional Park Boundary Concept”, numbered _____ and
20 dated _____ and shall include the area surrounding the
21 Jimmy Carter Library and Museum and Carter Presi-
22 dential Center and the corridor immediately adjacent to
23 the right-of-way of the roadway known as the Freedom
24 Parkway which connects the Carter Presidential Center
25 with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic District. The

1 map shall be on file and available in the offices of the
2 National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

3 (c) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY; AUTHORITY OF SEC-
4 RETARY; LEASING OF STATE-OWNED LANDS.—The Sec-
5 retary of the Interior (hereinafter in this Act referred to
6 as the “Secretary”) is hereby authorized to acquire lands
7 and interests therein, including leasehold interests, within
8 the boundaries of the park as depicted on the map ref-
9 erenced in subsection (b), by donation, purchase with do-
10 nated or appropriated funds, or exchange. All property
11 owned by the State of Georgia or any political subdivision
12 thereof may be acquired only by donation or lease agree-
13 ment conditioned upon use of the land solely for purposes
14 of a roadside park.

15 **SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
17 the park in accordance with the provisions of this Act and
18 the provisions of law generally applicable to the adminis-
19 tration of units of the National Park System, including
20 the Act entitled “An Act to establish a National Park
21 Service, and for other purposes”, approved August 25,
22 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2, 3, and 4), the Act
23 of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461–467),
24 and the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.
25 470–470x–6).

1 (b) ROAD CONSTRUCTION OR USE RESTRICTIONS.—

2 The Secretary shall not permit the construction or use of
3 any road within the park which would provide vehicular
4 access for through traffic, other than the Freedom Park-
5 way and streets existing on the date of enactment of this
6 Act nor shall the Secretary permit construction of any
7 roadways which would have the effect of altering the de-
8 sign of the Freedom Parkway, except for construction of
9 such cul-de-sac driveways as may be reasonably necessary
10 to provide access between the Freedom Parkway and road-
11 side recreation facilities.

12 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the
14 purposes of this Act, the Secretary is author-
15 ized to enter into cooperative agreements with
16 State and local governments and with private
17 owners of properties of natural, historical, or
18 cultural significance within or in the immediate
19 vicinity of the park, including (but not limited
20 to) the resources described in section 1(b), pur-
21 suant to which the Secretary may—

22 (A) mark, interpret, restore, or pro-
23 vide technical assistance for the preserva-
24 tion and interpretation of such properties;
25 and

1 (B) provide assistance, including man-
2 agement services, program implementation,
3 and financial assistance consistent with
4 subsection (a).

5 (2) ACCESS AND PROPERTY ALTER-
6 ATIONS.—Such agreements may contain (but
7 need not be limited to) provisions that—

8 (A) the Secretary, through the Na-
9 tional Park Service, shall have the right of
10 access at all reasonable times to all public
11 portions of the property covered by such
12 agreement for the purpose of conducting
13 visitors through such properties and inter-
14 preting them to the public; and

15 (B) no changes or alterations may be
16 made to the properties except by mutual
17 agreement between the Secretary and the
18 other parties to such agreements.

19 (3) SPECIFIC PROVISIONS.—An agreement
20 entered into under this subsection may contain
21 specific provisions which outline in detail the
22 extent of the participation by the Secretary in
23 the restoration, preservation, interpretation,
24 and maintenance of such properties not specifi-
25 cally provided for in paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 Within one year after the date on which funds are
3 first made available for the purposes of preparing a gen-
4 eral management plan, the Secretary, in consultation with
5 the State of Georgia and the city of Atlanta, shall develop
6 and transmit to the Committee on Energy and Natural
7 Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural
8 Resources of the House of Representatives, a general man-
9 agement plan for the park consistent with the purposes
10 of this Act, including (but not limited to)—

11 (1) a general visitor use and interpretive pro-
12 gram which fully considers the historic and cultural
13 aspects of the park, including the themes of individ-
14 ual freedom, civil rights, and human rights;

15 (2) a statement on the number of visitors and
16 types of public uses within the park which can be
17 reasonably accommodated in accordance with the
18 protection of its resources; and

19 (3) a general development plan for the park, in-
20 cluding the estimated cost thereof.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
23 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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